lipine Commission (Schurmann), for the establishment of the Phillipine Weather Bureau, with its headquarters at Manila.

1901. May 22. The Phillipine Weather Bureau was established by the act of the second United States Phillipine Commission (W. H. Taft, Chairman). See Monthly Weather REVIEW, 1901, 29:372-4.

CORRIGENDA.

In the Monthly Weather Review for April, 1909, p. 148, column 2, paragraph 5 from the bottom change the date of founding of Blue Hill Observatory from 1880 to 1885; in the MONTHLY WEATHER REVIEW for May, 1909, p. 178, column 1, at the bottom of the page, insert "1885. Blue Hill Observatory founded by A. L. Rotch."

In Monthly Weather Review May, 1909, p. 196, column 1, under "1903," second title, for "Pasoeroean" read

"Pasuruan."

THE ZODIACAL LIGHT.

The Monthly Weather Review has several times published notes and articles bearing on the nature of the zodiacal light. The latest researches on this phenomenon may still have some interest for our readers.

The University of California has just published the results

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of a careful photospectroscopic study by E. A. Fath, made during the autumns of 1907 and 1908 on Mount Hamilton, and under very favorable conditions during September, 1909, on Mount Wilson. The observations on Mount Hamilton yielded negatives of fairly good quality, using a slit-width of 0.38 millimeter and securing a spectrum on the plate of about 2.2 millimeters between $\lambda = 5,000$ and $\lambda = 3,900$. The spectrum negatives were not strong enough to definitely prove the presence or absence of the suspected absorption lines at about $\lambda =$ $4,300 \text{ and } \lambda = 3,950.$

The Mount Wilson negatives, obtained with a slit-width of 0.41 millimeter which did not resolve the H and K lines of the solar spectrum, exactly resembled the solar spectrum and were much stronger than those obtained in 1907 on Mount Hamilton, but not sufficiently so for reproduction. However, they showed with certainty the two absorption lines.

Mr. Fath says:

A comparison of this plate with one of the sky spectrum taken with the same slit-width [0.41 millimeter] shows these lines to be G and the blend of H and K of the solar spectrum. These are the only lines shown on the sky comparison plate within the limits of the spectrum obtained on the Zodiacal Light plate. There is no indication of bright lines on any of the spectrograms of the Zodiacal Light. Thus, in so far as spectra of such low dispersion and resolving power can be trusted, we would seem to have good evidence to support the claim that the Zodiacal Light is reflected sunlight.—C. A., jr.

THE WEATHER OF THE MONTH.

By Mr. P. C. DAY, Acting Chief, Climatological Division.

PRESSURE AND WINDS.

The distribution of the mean atmospheric pressure for June, 1909, over the United States and Canada is graphically shown on Chart VI, and the average values and departures from the normal are shown for each station in Tables I and III.

The general distribution of the mean atmospheric pressure for the month compared favorably with the normal. Pressure slightly above normal prevailed over the more northerly districts of the United States and the western portions of Canada, the maximum excess, about 0.10 inch, occurring in the upper Missouri Valley, and pressure slightly below normal obtained over the Canadian Maritime Provinces and portions of New England.

From May to June there was a general and rather uniform increase in pressure over all districts of the United States, except along the Pacific coast and also over the whole of Canada, except in parts of the St. Lawrence Valley. Over the interior districts the increase ranged from 0.05 to 0.10 inch, with maximum values over the upper Mississippi and middle Mis-

souri valleys.

The storm tracks were somewhat erratic in their direction of movement and were as a rule but shallow depressions having their origin in most cases over the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. West of the mountains the month was unusually free from decided atmospheric pressure variations.

Warm southerly winds occurred at frequent intervals over nearly all districts east of the Rocky Mountains and the prevailing direction of the winds for the month over those districts

was from some southerly point.

On the Pacific coast northwesterly winds predominated, and the prevailing winds were from the north along the northern border as far east as the Great Lakes. Over the greater portion of the region from the Great Lakes and lower Mississippi Valley westward, the wind movement was decidedly sluggish, especially over portions of the Great Plains where the average velocity ranged from 20 to as much as 50 per cent less than the normal. Over the Atlantic coast and Gulf States there was a general but not large increase of wind velocity, the excess ranging from 10 to 30 per cent.

TEMPERATURE.

The mean temperature for the month as a whole was close to the normal, although during several periods there were decided variations both above and below the usual seasonal tempera-

During the first week the temperature averaged well above the normal in all districts, except over portions of the lower Mississippi Valley and in northern New England. The week was decidedly warm over the central and southern portions of the Plateau and Pacific coast districts, the excess above the normal ranging from 6° to 9° per day. The day temperatures were high also in the above districts, the maximum temperatures exceeding 100° over large portions of the southwest and exceeding by several degrees any previous record for the same season of the year at a number of points.

The second week was generally cool over all northern and western districts, the mean temperature over the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, and northern Rocky Mountain regions, ranging from 6° to 9° below the normal.

Over the South Atlantic and Gulf States it was somewhat warmer than the normal, and there was a slight excess along the north Pacific coast. No unusual extremes of temperature occurred except over northern New England, where temperatures close to freezing occurred and also at exposed points in the mountain regions of the West.

During the third week there was a considerable warming up over the northern districts from the Great Lakes westward to the Pacific, and in the Great Plains region, and it continued warm over the greater part of the Gulf States. The weather continued cool over the southwest and portions of the Lake

region and New England.

There was a marked increase in temperature during the last week of the month over all districts east of the Rocky Mountains, the mean temperatures for the week ranging from 6° to 9° above the normal over the Lake region, New England and Middle Atlantic States, and somewhat less over the remaining districts. High day temperatures prevailed during most of the week, and the night temperatures were frequently oppressive. There was a decided warming up also over the Southwest, but along the northern border from North Dakota west-ward to the Pacific the week was comparatively cool.

PRECIPITATION.

June was a month of generally heavy and well-distributed rainfall over nearly all districts east of the Rocky Mountains, the only marked exceptions being in portions of New England, where the rainfall was light during the latter part of the month, over portions of the Florida Peninsula, where the fall though light was generally sufficient for the needs of growing vegetation, and locally in portions of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, where the amounts for the several weeks were insufficient.

West of the Rocky Mountains there was a general deficiency, though the lack of precipitation was not seriously felt on account of the general excess of moisture in the soil from the heavy precipitation earlier in the season, and the abundant supply of water available in the streams for irrigation, except in portions of Arizona and New Mexico where the lack of rainfall with attendant hot weather seriously damaged pasturage

on the ranges.

The total precipitation for the month ranged from 6 to 10 inches in portions of eastern Colorado and western Kansas, in the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, and over large portions of the southern Appalachian Mountain region and the east Gulf States; elsewhere over the districts east of the Rocky Mountains the monthly amounts were generally from 2 to 4 inches. Over the main ranges of the Rocky Mountains and along the north Pacific Coast the amounts were generally from 1 to 2 inches, while over the Plateau and Pacific coast States, except along the coast of Oregon and Washington, the total fall for the month was generally less than 0.5 of an inch, and in large portions of southern California not more than traces occurred.

Some snow occurred in the high ranges of the Sierra and Rocky Mountains, the total fall at local points in Colorado and Wyoming amounting to 10 and in some cases to 20 inches.

High waters were general in the mountain districts due to the melting of the large accumulation of snow during the past winter, and water for irrigation purposes was generally plentiful.

The month was remarkably free from severe storms, although some damage resulted from a series of tornadoes in Missouri on the 22d and in Kansas on the 24th.

HUMIDITY AND SUNSHINE.

The relative humidity was above the normal from 5 to 10 per cent over most of the interior portions of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, except in portions of Texas and adjoining portions of Louisiana and Oklahoma. The relative humidity was below the normal over New England and generally over the Plateau and north Pacific coast districts.

Much cloudy weather prevailed during the month over all districts, except in portions of the Southwest and from the upper Lakes westward to Montana, where sunshine was generally above the average. Over large portions of the Appalachian Mountain region and Ohio Valley the percentage of sunshine was not much above 30 per cent of the possible.

In Canada.—Director R. F. Stupart says:

The temperature was generally and uniformly a little above the average throughout the Dominion, the positive departure in nearly all districts varying from 1° to 2°, although in isolated localities it was as much as 3°. The rainfall was very deficient in nearly all portions of the Dominion,

The rainfall was very deficient in nearly all portions of the Dominion, except in a few isolated localities, noticeably in the Gaspe Peninsula, and in the extreme southwestern portion of Saskatchewan, where for the most part the usual quantity appears to have been well exceeded. Ottawa City recorded an amount in excess of the average, also a few places in the extreme southwestern counties of Ontario, in each instance owing to the prevalence of thunderstorms in the localities affected. In British Columbia the negative departure varied from six-tenths of an inch to three inches. In the Western Provinces the deficit was very genreally from one to two inches, in Ontario from one and a quarter to two inches and a half, in Quebec, from three-fourths of an inch to over two inches, and in the Maritime Provinces from one-half to nearly three inches.

Average temperatures and departures from the normal.

Districts.	Number of sta- tions.	Average tempera- tures for the current month.	Departures for the current month.	Accumu- lated departures since. January 1.	Average departures since January 1.
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New England Middle Atlantic South Atlantic Florida Peninsuls East Gulf West Gulf Ohio Valley and Tennessee Lower Lakes Upper Lakes North Dakota* Upper Mississippi Valley Missouri Valley Missouri Valley	12 16 10 8 11 10 13 10 12 9 14	64.6 71.2 77.7 S0.9 78.9 79.6 73.9 66.2 62.9 63.1 70.6	+ 1.0 + 1.0 + 1.2 + 0.8 + 0.7 - 0.7 + 0.8 + 0.5 - 0.2	+ 5.1 +11.9 +12.5 +15.4 + 7.2 + 8.5 + 7.9 + 4.2 + 4.8 - 3.4 + 2.6 + 3.0	+ 0.8 + 2.0 + 2.6 + 1.2 + 1.3 + 1.4 + 1.3 + 0.7 + 0.8 + 0.6 + 0.5
Northern slope Middle slope Southern slope Southern Plateau* Middle Plateau* Northern Plateau* North Pacific Middle Pacific South Pacific	9 6	62. 2 72. 2 77. 6 73. 2 65. 5 62. 2 57. 1 62. 9 65. 5	+ 0.1 + 0.5 + 0.8 + 0.8 + 1.9 + 0.1 - 0.4 - 1.4 - 0.6	- 4.6 + 1.8 + 7.6 - 4.2 + 2.6 - 1.4 - 6.7 - 0.1 - 0.2	- 0.8 + 0.3 + 1.3 - 0.7 + 0.2 - 0.2 - 1.1

*Regular Weather Bureau and selected cooperative stations.

Average precipitation and departures from the normal.

	of sta-	Ave	rage.	Departure.			
Districts.	Number of tlons.	Current month.	Percent- age of normal.	Current month.	Accumu- lated since Jan. 1.		
New England Middle Atlantic South Atlantic Florida Peninsula* East Gulf West Gulf Ohio Valley and Tennessee Lower Lakes Upper Lakes Upper Mississippi Valley Missouri Valley North Dakota* Southern slope Middle slope Southern Blope* Southern Plateau* Northern Plateau* Northern Plateau* Northern Plateau* Northern Plateau* Northern Plateau* Northern Plateau*	16 11 1 10 11 10 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	Inches. 2. 64 4. 38 5. 36 7. 20 2. 63 5. 25 2. 87 2. 84 2. 99 3. 70 4. 76 3. 54 3. 00 3. 10 0. 17 0. 24 1. 30 0. 96 0. 08	87 122 110 114 180 72 124 80 83 81 86 107 151 94 48 44 44 100 47	Inches 0. 40 + 0. 50 + 0. 50 + 0. 50 + 1. 100 - 0. 70 - 0. 70 - 0. 70 - 0. 70 - 0. 70 - 0. 20 - 0. 30 + 1. 120 - 0. 20 - 0. 30 + 1. 120 - 0. 11 + 1. 120 - 0. 120	Inches. + 2.11 + 0.20 - 0.99 - 7.88 + 3.73 + 3.33 + 0.64 + 2.14 + 0.56 - 1.46 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88 - 0.88		

*Regular Weather Bureau and selected cooperative stations.

Average relative humidity and departures from the normal.

Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.	Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.
New England Middle Atlantic South Atlantic Florida Peninsula East Gulf West Gulf Ohio Valley and Tennessee Lower Lakes Upper Lakes Upper Mississippi Valley Upper Mississippi Valley	73 75 81 80 78 76 72 74 74	- 623 + 30 + 61 + 11 + 65	Missouri Valley Northern slope Middle slope Southern slope Southern Plateau Middle Plateau Northern Plateau North Pacific Middle Pacific South Pacific	65 67 58 32 35	+7 +8 +7 +2 -2 -5 +0

Average cloudiness and departures from the normal.

Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.	Districts.	Average.	Departure from the normal.
New England Middle Atlantic South Atlantic Florida Peninsula East Gulf West Gulf Ohio Valley and Tennessee Lower Lakes Upper Lakes North Dakota Upper Mississippi Valley	5. 1 5. 7 5. 6 5. 6 5. 5 4. 2 6. 0 5. 1 5. 2 4. 6 8	- 0.1 + 0.7 + 0.6 + 0.4 + 0.5 - 0.1 + 1.0 + 0.2 + 0.1 - 0.8 + 0.8	Missouri Valley Northern slope Middle slope Southern slope Southern Plateau Middle Plateau Northern Plateau North Pacific Middle Pacific South Pacific	4.7	+ 0.3 + 0.1 + 0.7 + 0.6 - 0.4 - 0.5 + 0.2 + 0.2 + 0.3

Maximum wind velocities.

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Stations.	Directions.				Date.	Velocity.	Direction.
El Paso, Tex Modens, Utah Mt. Tamalpais, Cal Do Do Do Do North Head, Wash Oklahoma, Okla Pierre, S. Dak Pittaburg, Pa Pt. Reyes Light, Cal	25 18 11 14 23 25 26 27 29 20 27	54 60 60 80 50 64 54 64 50 51 52	ne. sw. nw. nw. nw. nw. se. n. sw. w.	Pt. Reyes Light, Cal Do	2 4 5 11 12 13 14 25 26 27 28	54 54 53 64 60 72 61 76 65 54	nw.

RAINFALL IN JAMAICA.

Through the kindness of Mr. Maxwell Hall, meteorologist to the government of Jamaica and now in charge of the meteorological service of that island, we have received the following data:

The rainfall for the island for the month of June was a little above the average. The greatest rainfall, 20.39 inches, was recorded at Brownsville, Hanover. The least rainfall, 1.09 inches, was recorded at Southfield, St. Anns.

Comparative table of rainfall.

[Based upon the average stations only.]

JUNE, 1909.

Divisions.	Relative.	. Number of	Rainfall.			
Divisions.	area.	stations.	1909.	Average.		
Northeastern division Northern division West-central division Southern division	25 22 26 27	17 41 20 26	Inches. 4.98 5.22 9.46 - 6.01	Inches. 6, 59 4, 33 8, 33 5, 20		
Means	100		6.42	6, 11		

CLIMATOLOGICAL SUMMARY.

By Mr. P. C. DAY, Acting Chief, Climatological Division.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION BY SECTIONS, JUNE, 1909.

In the following table are given, for the various sections of the Climatological Service of the Weather Bureau, the average temperature and rainfall, the stations reporting the highest and lowest temperatures with dates of occurrence, the stations reporting the greatest and least monthly precipitation, and other data, as indicated by the several headings.

The mean temperatures for each section, the highest and

In the following table are given, for the various sections of lowest temperatures, the average precipitation, and the greatest and least monthly amounts are found by using all trustest temperature and rainfall, the stations reporting the highest worthy records available.

The mean departures from normal temperature and precipitation are based only on records from stations that have ten or more years of observations. Of course the number of such records is smaller than the total number of stations.

	l		Temperature—ir	ı deg	rees Fal	renheit.					Precipitation—in incl	nes and l	hundredths.		
Section.	erage.	from		Monthly extremes.					erage.	from	Greatest monthly.		Least monthly.		
	Section average	Departure from the normal.	Station.	Highest.	Date.	Station.	Lowest.	Date.	Section av	Departure from the normal.	Station.	Amount.	Station.	Amount.	
Alabama	78.0	0.0	Flomaton	100	18	Madison	53 53	3/ 13	7.82	+ 3.55	Guntersville	14. 28	Uniontown	3.16	
Arizona	7S. 1	- 0.6	Mohawk Summit	121	30	Flagstaff, B	27	21	0.16	- 0.04	Dos Cabezos	1.44	17 stations	0.00	
Arkansas		+ 0.2	Pocahontas	104	8	Dutton	49 21	4 27	4.08 0.19	- 0.17 - 0.15	Mammoth Spring North Bloomfield	8. 68 2. 00	Newport, No. 2	1. 20	
California		+ 0.2	Mammoth Tank	115 107	30 28	')Truckee	21 20	1 (9, 20	1.51	+ 0.41		8.62	50 stations	1	
Colorado Florida	80.7	+ 0.8	Las Animas Johnstown	102	14	Wagon Wheel Gap . Middleburg	56	1	6, 28	- 0.69	Cheyenne Wells Tarpon Springs	18. 10	River Portal Carrabelle	0.00 1.68	
Georgia	78.5		Blakely	104 90	17 3 d't's	Diamond	55 35	5 3, 18	5. 48 5. 24	+ 0.96	Clayton	14.65 23.74	Helena, Montezuma. 3 stations	1.86	
Hawaii (May) Hawaii (June)		1	Kihei	90	5,26	Humuula, Hawaii.	35	11	4.26		Honomanu Valley	21.21	3 stations	0.00	
[daho	61.6	+ 1.9 + 0.4 + 0.7	Garnet Chester, Mt. Vernon.	103 98	30 3 d't's	Forney	26	6 3 d't's	0.70 4.15	- 0.41 + 0.41	Bonners Ferry Robinson	2. 43 8. 75	2 stations	0.00	
Illinois		¥ 0.7	Rome	97	28	Auburn	39	19	5.16	+ 1.08	Rochester	9.02	Du Quoin Greensburg	1, 34 2, 34	
lowa	69. 1	+ 0.3	Keosauqua	96	28 26	Elma	40	15 3	6. 41 5. 45	+ 1.08 + 1.89 + 0.90	Afton	13.30 12.07	Devenment	9 90	
Kansas Kentucky	73.1 74.5		LakinCalhoun	104 99	29 28 16	Colby	42 43	19	5.05	+ 0.71	Wakeeney Berea	10. 20	CoolidgeBlandville	0. 79 2. 31	
Louisiana	81. 9	+ 0.3	Opelousas	103	16	Monroe		2		+ 1.21	Pearl River	16.50	Minden	1.44	
Maryland and Delaware	71.8	+ 1.1	Cambridge, Md Millsboro, Del	98 98	25 (25 (Deer Park, Md	32	18	5.04	+ 1.01	Bachmans V'y, Md	10.45	Clear Spring, Md	2.72	
Michigan	64.3	+ 0.5	Powers	96	13	Chatham	28	18(8, 18\	3. 15	+ 0.13	Grand Rapids	7.50	St. Ignace	0.30	
Minnesota			Baudette	97	19	International Falls.	29	14	3.53	- 0.73 + 2.91 + 0.43 + 0.08 + 0.41	New Ulm	8.30	Floodwood	0.72	
Mississippi	78. 6 73. 9		Duck Hill Caruthersville	.100	27, 28 27	5 stations	60 48	5 d't's	6. 53 5. 21	+ 2.91	Pearlington	16.09 10.05	Hernando	1.95	
Missouri Montana	59.4	+ 1.2	Bridger	103	29	Sublett	24	18 6	3, 02	+ 0.08	Gallatin Highwood	6.89	Cape Girardeau Homepark	0.74 0.46	
Nebraska	69.0	+ 0.4	Beaver City	108	29	Kimball	33	11	4. 26	+ 0.41	Westpoint	9.94	Greeley	0.55	
Nevada New England*		+ 2.3	Logan W. Osstpee, N. H	112 100	30 25	Van Buren, Me		9 2	0. 28 2. 58	- 0.14 - 1.04	Lovelock	1.95 4.68	8 stations	0.00 0.69	
New Jersey	70.0	+ 0.4 + 0.8	Somerville	99	25 25	Rivervale	36	19	3. 26	- 0.55	Cape May C. H	5.70	Runyon	1.71	
New Mexico	70.0	+ 0.1	Gage Bedford	104 99	25 25	Elizabethtown		9 8	0.91	- 0.30	Dorsey (near)	5. 21 6. 15	3 stations	0.00	
New York	75. 9	+ 1.6	Goldsboro	99	26, 28	Nehasane Banners Elk	42	19	2.86 7.92	- 0.85 + 2.91	Newark Valley Newbern	17.05	Wilmington	0.65 2.57	
North Dakota		+ 0.6	Blamarck	98 98	28/ 22/	Berthold Agency	28	14	3, 21	- 0.38	Amenia	7.65	Portal	1.10	
Ohio		+ 0.8	Medora Ironton, Waverly	96	27	Rome		16	5.86	+ 1.91	Benton Ridge	12.70	Sidney	2. 63	
Oklahoma		+ 0.9	Beaver	104 104	64	5 stations		3 d't's	3.45	- 0.52	Chattanooga		Wagoner	1.11	
Oregon Pennsylvania	59.4	+ 0.4	Chickasha	100 100 96	4 d't's	li	20	8 16	0.66	- 0.94 + 0.31	Bay City State College	2.34 8.96	Hood River	T. 1.89	
Porto Rico		- 0.5	Bayamon	96	1	Jayuya	58	67		+ 0.62	San Sebastian	18.54	Jayuya	2.46	
louth Carolina	70.2		Florence	105	27	/Maricao Darlington	58 58	3 V 16		+ 1.82	Anderson	12.42	Charleston	1.64	
South Carolina South Dakota	66. 9	T 1.5	Cascade Springs	103	29	Pollock	34	14	4.10	- 0.33	Dumont	9.65	Chamberlain	0.63	
Cennessee	75.6	+ 1.2 + 1.5 + 0.6 + 1.2	Jackson	99	24, 29	Pollock Mountain City	43	19	5.44	- 0.33 + 1.18	Charleston	13.83	Memphis	1.78	
Texas	80. 9 66. 2	+1.2 + 1.3	Brownwood	107 110	28 30	Claude Scofield		1, 3, 4 10	3.37 0.14	- 0.35	Bridgeport	10.75 0.79	El Paso	0.05 0.00	
/irginia	73.0	+ 1.3	Lincoln	98	26	Burkes Garden	35	19	6. 24	+ 1.93	Elk Knob	10.76	Shenandoah	2, 70	
Vashington Vest Virginia	61.0	+ 1.9	Cheney	102 101	29 27	Clealum	25 35	28 19	0.90 5.73	- 0.35 - 0.36 + 1.93 - 0.96 + 1.16	Quiniault	4. 43 9. 19	Kennewick Lewisburg	0.06 2.47	
		1 -	[Neillsville	99	29?	Long Lake		18	3.93	- 0.14			Herbster	0.87	
Visconsin			Muscoda	99	305					l 1	Stanley		I I		
yoming	1 58.9	/+ 1.1	Basin	103	29	Kirwin	22	11 Î	2.27	+ 0.74	Wyncote	5.98	Snake River, Y. N.P	U. O	